

CourteMailList - Message from Richard T. Fields, Riverside County Superior Court Presiding Judge

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The purpose of this message is to request your assistance in preparing letters in support of the Governors proposal for additional funding for courthouse security. Two of the states budget subcommittees will be meeting in the next two weeks to review the Governors proposal and make recommendations to the Legislature.

Your support letters would be directed to the chairs of the two budget subcommittees and should be sent no later than **May 31, 2007**.

Thank you very much in advance for your assistance and support!

Background

Governor Schwarzeneggers budget proposal for the upcoming 2007/2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008) includes additional funding for courthouse security. This funding is critical because it will help bring the Riverside County Superior Court up to the security standards adopted by Californias Judicial Council and will fill gaps in the current years court security budget.

Having adequate courthouse security is imperative because without it, the publics access to justice is hindered. If the public cannot access the services provided by the court, then they lose confidence in our justice system.

Assistance Requested

Please prepare two letters of support as follows:

·Letter #1 - addressed to Michael Machado, chairperson of the CA State Senate Budget Subcommittee #4. Send cc copies to the other senate budget subcommittee members.

·Letter #2 addressed to Juan Arambula, chairperson of the CA State Assembly Budget Subcommittee #4. Send cc copies to the other assembly budget subcommittee members.

Letters should not exceed one page this makes them easier to fax and read.

Please fax these letters to the individual members of the budget subcommittees and then follow-up by sending the letters via US mail. Fax a copy of the letter to Kate Howard from the Judicial Councils OGA (Office of Governmental Affairs).

In addition, please send a copy of the letter via US mail to the Riverside County legislators (senate members receive the Machado letter, assembly members receive the Arambulo letter). Henry Sepulveda from OGA should receive copies of both letters.

Attachments

To assist you, attached is a sample letter. Feel free to use the letter as it reads or make any changes you would like.

Also attached is a listing of the individual members of the budget subcommittees and our countys Legislators, along with their fax numbers and mailing addresses.